

REMARKS

Claims 1-19 are pending in this application. Claims 1-19 stand rejected. In light of the remarks set forth below, Applicant respectfully submits that each of the pending claims is in immediate condition for allowance.

Claims 1-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,997,945 ("Ishiguro"). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection.

To anticipate a claim under 35 U.S.C. § 102, the cited reference must disclose every element of the claim, as arranged in the claim, and in sufficient detail to enable one skilled in the art to make and use the anticipated subject matter. See, PPG Industries, Inc. v. Guardian Industries Corp., 75 F.3d 1558, 1566 (Fed. Cir. 1996); C.R. Bard, Inc. v. M3 Sys., Inc., 157 F.3d 1340, 1349 (Fed. Cir. 1998). A reference that does not expressly disclose all of the elements of a claimed invention cannot anticipate unless all of the undisclosed elements are inherently present in the reference. See, Continental Can Co. USA v. Monsanto Co., 942 F.2d 1264, 1268 (Fed. Cir. 1991).

Among the limitations of independent claims 1, 7, and 15 not present in the cited reference relates to a key information selection part which generates a plurality of key information for encryption and selects a key information among the plurality of key information.

In Ishiguro, a DVD player transmits an encryption source side session key to a personal computer. The personal computer then decrypts the encrypted source side common session keys extracted from the encrypted source side common session key using license keys 1 and 2. The DVD player serving as a source of information has a plurality of service IDs for identifying which kinds of information to be transmitted to the sink in a plurality of service keys stored in a e-prom such as service key T1 and service

key T2. These service keys are used for generating the license keys such as license key 1 and license key 2.

In operation, the DVD player transmits a request for an ID with a service ID for identifying a kind of information which is to be serviced by the personal computer 2. A license key is generated by the DVD player by application of a half function to an ID received from the personal computer and one of the service keys which is associated with the kind of information to be transmitted to the sink that is associated with the service ID transmitted to the personal computer.

It should be noted that based on the above, Ishiguro fails to disclose the claimed key information selection part which generates a plurality of key information for encryption and selects a key information among a plurality of the key information. Thus, Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 7, and 15 and their dependent claims are allowable over the cited reference.

With respect to claim 13, Applicant respectfully submits that Ishiguro fails to disclose a key information extraction part which extracts the key information used in the encryption of the contents data based on the selection information among a plurality of key information stored in the key information storage part. In Ishiguro, the apparatus decrypts the encrypted source side common session keys extracted from the encrypted source side common session key by using the license key. Thus, Ishiguro fails to anticipate the explicitly recited limitation above. Therefore, claim 13 and its dependent claims are allowable over Ishiguro.

Applicant notes that independent claims 1, 7, 13, and 15 each recite "a plurality of the key information, the encrypted contents data and the selection information are transmitted, through a plurality of signal routes from a contents data transmitter to a contents data receiver." This feature is disclosed in the specification beginning at page 4, line 25 and continuing to at least page 5, line 15.

In contrast, Ishiguro only discloses that every apparatus is connected to every other apparatus via a IEEE 1394 serial bus 11. Specifically, Ishiguro discloses this in Figures 1-3; col. 4, Ins. 37-43 and col. 4, Ins. 51-53; and col. 5, Ins. 19-21. Additionally, Applicant notes that Ishiguro fails to disclose the plurality of signal lines. For this additional reason, Applicant submits that claims 1, 7, 13, and 15 are allowable over Ishiguro.

Applicant has responded to all of the rejections and objections recited in the Office Action. Reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance for all of the pending claims are therefore respectfully requested.

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding rejection of the claims and to pass this application to issue.

If the Examiner believes an interview would be of assistance, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

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